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John et al:

For the note to IARs and ARs, I added some text to further clarify what has changed----just trying to anticipate questions (and included the issue that Norm brought up about the charge). Vince or Karen would send to ARs and Norm to IARs.



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note explaining n...

In an email that Norm responded to about the note, there was an indication that redlines were provided, and I don't see those. Did you mean to send them and pass them along to the AR/IARs?

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For the Tox Review, I have 3 minor things that may add up to something.....if it isn't too much trouble, could you fix these?

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Example:

MRI (Midwest Research Institute). (1988) Toxicity of thallium (I) sulfate (CAS No. 7446-18-6) in Sprague-Dawley rats. Vol. 2. Subchronic (90-day) study [revised final report]. Prepared by Dynamac Corporation, Rockville, MD, for the Office of Solid Waste, Washington, DC; Project No. 8702-L(18); Work Assignment No. 111148-008. [An external peer review was conducted by EPA in November 2006 to evaluate

the accuracy of experimental procedures, results, and interpretation and discussion of the findings presented. A report of this peer review is available through the EPA's IRIS Hotline, at (202) 566-1676 (phone), (202) 566-1749 (fax), or [hotline.iris@epa.gov](mailto:hotline.iris@epa.gov) (e-mail address) and at <http://www.epa.gov/iris>.]

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That's all! This is great! I know that the goal is to get this out this quarter but we aren't claiming more points right? not that I wouldn't like to!

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Vince,

Per the decision to move the non-cancer assessment of methanol forward, we have prepared several files (below) and a task order is moving ahead to arrange with a contractor for external peer review.

First, a note was developed to communicate to the Agency and Interagency reviewers the rationale and plan for moving this non-cancer assessment into external peer review. Please revise this as you wish.



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At some point soon we should also revise the Methanol page on the NCEA website. At present, there is this notice:

[Mar 2011] UPDATE: Following a report from the National Toxicology Program (NTP), EPA has placed the external peer review of the draft IRIS Methanol Toxicological Review on hold. The NTP report (referred to in [EPA's June 15, 2010 press release](#)) recommended that pathology reviews be carried out to resolve differences of opinion in the diagnoses of certain tumors reported in a methanol research study completed by the Ramazzini Institute. Therefore, EPA and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences plan to jointly sponsor an independent Pathology Working Group (PWG) review of select studies conducted at the Institute. More information regarding the PWG work will be made publicly available in the near future.

We will look to you to communicate with the Agency and Interagency reviewers as we proceed with preparations for external peer review. And, once a date has been set for the External Peer Review, we will look for help from the IRIS support staff to announce in the Federal Register a 60-day public comment period.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this information.

My thanks especially to Jeff Gift and Reeder Sams as they've pulled this information together.

Thanks,  
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